



**TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION**

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Town Hall Meeting Room

Committee

Present: Leslie L. Tarkington, Chair; Nisha Arora, Laura Erickson, Leslie Moriarty

Staff:

Benjamin Branyan, Town Administrator; Roland Gieger, Director, Budget & Systems Management, Finance Department; Brian Koczak, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Department; Charlie Lubowicki, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Department; Joseph McHugh, Chief, Fire Department; Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Barbara Schellenberg, Town Attorney

Board:

Karen Fassuliotis, Jeffrey S. Ramer, David Weisbrod

Other:

Ken Borsuk, Journalist, *Greenwich Time*; Don Conway, GCTV

Ms. Tarkington called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Discussion of Legal Strategy for pending litigation for the following matters:

Casas v. Town of Greenwich and Board of Education
Massey v. Town of Greenwich and Board of Education

Upon a motion by Ms. Erickson, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, to enter Executive Session at 1:15 P.M., the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Executive Session Closed

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Arora, to close the Executive Session at 2:10 P.M., the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Request for Budget Adjustments

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
<u>ED-10</u>	<u>Board of Education</u>	<u>\$1,566,171</u>	<u>Additional Appropriation</u>
<u>Application Withdrawn</u>			<u>ESSER 2 Fund Spending</u>

EM-1	ELOC	\$7,832	Transfer
	A104 52240		Radio Maintenance

Mr. Branyan explained that the regional radio maintenance invoice was larger than the budgeted amount. FY22 invoice is \$19,331.27 versus a budgeted \$11,000. MOC200 has \$500 in 52130 to help offset leaving a shortfall of \$7,831.27. As the request exceeds \$5,000, Budget Committee approval is needed.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Arora, to approve a transfer of \$7,832 for regional radio maintenance, the Committee voted 4-0-0 and recommended the request to the full BET as a Routine Application. Motion carried.

FD-2	Fire Department	\$248,780	Additional Appropriation
	A205, 206,207 Various		Overtime & Maintenance

Assistant Chief Lubowicki explained the factors causing higher-than-budgeted overtime. Some savings in staff vacancies offset a portion of the total amount. Key drivers of the overtime were COVID absences, structural increased compensation and retirements. Although trending in the direction of reducing overtime, Assistant Chief Koczak commented that required classes and the settlement's increased vacation days for senior officers, would continue to impact overtime expenditure. Maintenance of machinery was described as repair of backcountry dry hydrants. Station exhaust ventilation equipment was included in the maintenance request appropriation. The Committee requested an inventory of fire trucks and equipment 's scheduled replacement dates. A future visit to several fire stations is planned.

Upon a motion by Ms. Erickson, seconded by Ms. Arora, to approve \$248,780. The Committee voted 4-0-0 to recommend the request to the full BET as a Routine Application. Motion carried.

New Business

Mr. Gieger explained that monthly economic information for his report was not available due to the early date of the Budget Committee meeting.

Approval of BET Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Arora, to approve the Minutes of the Regular BET Budget Committee Meeting held on February 16, 2022 as amended, the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Erickson, to approve the Minutes of the Special BET Budget Committee meeting of February 28, 2022, with inclusion of additions to the ED-9 motion, the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Arora, to approve the Minutes of the BET Budget Committee Consolidation Day 1 held on February 28, 2022, the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Chairman's Comments:

Ms. Tarkington noted that a First Selectman's Public Hearing on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant Budget will be held on March 21, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. A

BET Budget Committee Special Meeting will be held on March 22, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room on the ARP Budget.

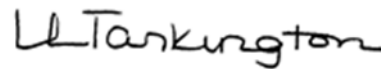
ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Ms. Erickson, seconded by Ms. Arora, to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 P.M., the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary



Leslie L. Tarkington, Budget Cmte Chair

The next Regular Meeting of the BET Budget Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.